Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)* : With regard to this question may I suggest that private parties will be able to carry on where Government failed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : May I know the terms under which a portion of the site has been leased to Messrs. Standard Furniture Company?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Governmnt)*: About 10 acres of land have been leased out for 25 years for starting a plywood factory on a rent of Rs. 600 for the first five years, Rs. 750 for the next five years and the amount that would be mutually agreed to by the Government and the Company for the next 15 years.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: On a point of information; Sir. It has become an accepted policy of the Government to exhaust all answers to questions put by Mr. Ezhuthassan in this session. Because to-day out of 20 questions, 8 questions go to Mr. Ezhuthassan, 5 to Mr. Mathai.

Mr. President: The answering of questions depend upon the priority in which questions come and the speed with which they can be asnwered by the Government. If any hon'ble member puts questions months before the session naturally they will be answered.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mnttancheri)* : May I point out Sir, did not the public take many shares in the Cochin Tanneries, seeing that the Government have taken a number of shares.

VILLAGE OFFICERS—SALARIES—RAISING OF

96. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government have received a memorial from the Village officers for higher salaries;

(*b*) what action has Government taken in the matter or whether any action is proposed to be taken;

(*c*) is their claim not founded on facts;

(*d*) is it not in the true interests of the people that their (Village Officers') status should be raised?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) The matter is under consideration.

97. മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ദയവായി മറുപടി നൽകുമോ.—

(എ) വില്ലേജുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ സംഘത്തിൽനിന്നും ഗവൺമെണ്ടിലേക്ക് വല്ല നിവേദനവും ലഭിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എന്തിനെപ്പറ്റിയാണ്;

(സി) എന്തു നടപടി ആ വിഷയത്തിലെടുത്തു?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു: (എ) ഉണ്ട്.

(ബി) അവരുടെ ശമ്പളം, ഉദ്യോഗകയറ്റം മുതലായവയെപ്പറ്റി.

(സി) പ്രസ്തുത വിഷയം ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ പരിഗണനയിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്നു.

PADDY PURCHASE SCHEME—APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE MENONS

98. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *Cheruthuruthi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of new Village Menons appointed in connection with paddy purchase scheme;

(*b*) will not the existing Village Staff cope with this work besides their normal duties?

Mr. A Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: (*a*) 134.

(*b*) No.

K. A. SAMAJAM BUILDINGS

99. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the amount already spent by Government for the up-keep of those buildings known as K. A. Samajam buildings at Cheruthuruthi;

(*b*) what is the monthly income to Government by the collection of rent from the occupants of the buildings?

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